

## DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

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I believe I am the original first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **METHODS AND KITS FOR DETECTING ITA IN A BIOLOGICAL SAMPLE** the specification of which

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is attached hereto  
 was filed on 07/30/2001  
 as US Application Serial Number or PCT International Application Number 09/918,299  
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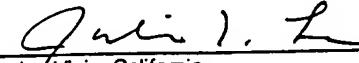
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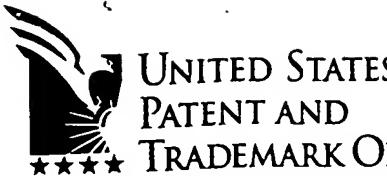
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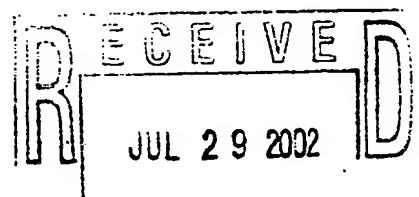
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**ASSIGNMENT**

WHEREAS, we, MURUGAN R. PANDIAN, and JULIE Y. LU, both of the City of Mission Viejo, State of California, and have invented certain new and useful improvements in

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or which the said MURUGAN R. PANDIAN, and JULIE Y. LU, executed application papers for a patent application having been filed on July 30, 2001, and assigned United States Serial Number 09/918,299; and

WHEREAS, Quest Diagnostics Investments Incorporated, a Corporation of the State of Delaware, hereinafter called Assignee, having its place of business at 300 Delaware Avenue, Wilmington, Delaware 19899 is desirous of acquiring our entire right, title and interest in and to the aforesaid invention and in and to any and all Letters Patent therefor granted in the United States of America, and in any and all countries foreign thereto;

NOW, THEREFORE, TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, be it known that, for and in consideration of the sum of ONE DOLLAR (\$1.00) to us in hand paid by Assignee, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, we, MURUGAN R. PANDIAN, and JULIE Y. LU, by these presents sell, assign and transfer unto Assignee, its successors and assigns, the full and exclusive right, title and interest for the territory of the United States of America and all countries foreign thereto (including the right to apply for Letters Patent in foreign countries in its own name and to claim any priority rights for such foreign applications to which such applications are entitled under international conventions, treaties, or otherwise), in and to the said invention as described in said application, and in and to all Letters Patent granted therefor, and all divisions, reissues and continuations thereof, and we hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue all Letters Patent on said inventions or resulting therefrom to said Assignee, as assignee of our entire right, title and interest, and we covenant that we have full right so to do and agree that we will communicate to said Assignee, or its successors any and all facts known to us regarding

said invention whenever requested, and will testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, reissue and continuation applications, and generally do everything possible to aid said Assignee, its successors and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper patent protection for said invention in all countries.

Executed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2002

  
MURUGAN R. PANDIAN

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On May 1, 2002, before me Marian Lewis, Notary Public personally appeared MURUGAN R. PANDIAN personally known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s) or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

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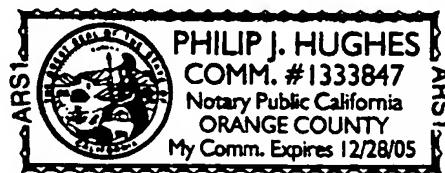
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